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### BAY TRAGEDY REVEALS SECRET MARRIAGE SINCE AUGUST 25TH, 1932

Miss Irene Moore, 17, Daughter of A. W. Moore, Found Unconscious With Skull Crushed at Seawall Near Auto Bridge—Nolan Taconi Reveals That He and Girl Had Been Married Last Summer.

The special coroner's jury, Judge August Ruhr, acting coroner, adjourned at the noon hour Thursday, prior to the time of the Echo going to press and reported the cause of Mrs. Irene Moore-Taconi's death as "unknown," and referred, however, to further investigation by the grand jury of Hancock county.

While Prof. Spencer of Spencer's College, New Orleans, handwriting expert, testified the notes left by the deceased and other writing known to be hers were identical and said to be the one and same, the suicide theory was scouted.

Physician's testimony did not corroborate with the suicide theory. Nor with the accident theory. The gist of their testimony was to the effect such injuries could neither have been sustained by a fall or with suicidal intent.

Bay St. Louis residents were shocked Friday morning to learn the body of Miss Irene Moore, older of two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Moore, had been found during the early morning hours in an unconscious condition and that subsequent investigation revealed that death was imminent. Speculation was rife as to whether the young woman had fallen either from the auto bridge or seawall, or possibly she might have been struck by a passing truck or other vehicle and thrown over the bridge's guard rail, but the latter was discounted and no credence set even to such a supposition.

The body when discovered was lying on the north side of the bay bi-county auto bridge, with both feet touching the concrete wall and head positioned in outward direction towards the water. The water's edge is about ten or fifteen feet away. The toes were badly mutilated. This gave rise to the father's idea that his daughter had attempted to scale the wall and had missed her footing and the fall resultant. This was the theory of the affair as told The Echo later in the morning by means of a telephone interview.

A colored boy on his way crab fishing during the early morning hour from atop of the bridge discovered the prostrate body. Fear-stricken and assuming the girl dead, he awaited the arrival of some one to whom to report the find. Presently Former Sheriff E. Van Whitfield, driving eastward across the bridge, and Bay Labat were told of the discovery and hastened down the beach to the scene.

#### CARRIED TO HOSPITAL

Labat lifted the limp and warm body resting it on his knee. The girl gave signs of being alive and it was evident she was suffocating. The body was carried to the Bay St. Louis Daughters Hospital, Bay St. Louis.

Dr. C. L. Horton, Dr. D. H. Ward and Dr. C. M. Shipp, the latter county health officer, made an examination of the body. It was discovered the right arm was broken at the elbow, the wrist above the left hand had been apparently wrenched from position. An apparent blow mark on the head and on the side a fractured skull. In addition one of the eyes was blackened but the dislocation was explained by a physician to The Echo that this condition was possible from the blow or knock received on top of the head as this was in direct line with the eye.

The body showed no visible signs of violence only the marks or abrasions caused by contact with weeds and brush growing at the foot of the wall. However, there was a small sized mark over one side of the chest, the cause of which was not determined.

The girl was clad in a bathing suit. She had not entered the water.

Shortly after 1 o'clock that afternoon, about 8 hours later, Miss Moore passed away at the hospital, never regaining consciousness and thus sealed her lips and the mystery of the tragedy unsolved. At no time physicians held out hope for her recovery, although they exerted every effort to restore her health. The best the hospital afforded was resort to an effort to restore her back to consciousness with the ultimate view of recovery.

#### CORONER'S JURY PROBES.

The body was taken to Fahey's mortuary establishment where it was examined by a coroner's jury, composed of former Sheriff Joseph V. Bontemps, Leo Ford, James Sylvester, Milton Sylvester, Anthony Phazza, Alan Marvin and Sheriff T. Ed Kellan co-operating.

#### TRAGEDY BALES SECRET WEDDING.

After the coroner's jury had made a hurried investigation and decided to continue the probe into the young woman's death to Wednesday, Nolan Taconi, former Bay St. Louis High school football player, appeared at the office of the sheriff and announced that he and Miss Moore had been secretly married on August 26, last. Both were students at the Mississippi State Teacher's College

### CATHOLIC RETREAT CLOSES

Biloxi and Bay St. Louis Units N. C. C. W. Report Unusual Success.

The Spiritual Retreat sponsored by the Biloxi and Bay St. Louis units of the N. C. C. W. closed Monday morning, June 29th, with Mass at 7 a. m. followed by the Papal Benediction.

This retreat was a wonderful success and the efforts of those in charge have been well rewarded as the exercises conducted by that able speaker Rev. Wm. F. Ruggire, S. J. were well attended, about fifty women being present at most of the talks. Twenty ladies resided in the convent during the three days, others coming to the different exercises.

Ladies in attendance hailed from different towns along the coast—Pascagoula, Biloxi, Long Beach, Pass Christian, Waveland, and Bay St.

Though physicians said it was possible that the girl might have fallen from the highway bridge or the seawall, they said that in view of certain injuries she received and the position of her body when found at 5:50 a. m. Friday, such a theory might be discredited.

Members of the family said that the young woman was subject to fainting spells and that she took early morning swims in the bay. A laborer in Bay St. Louis told authorities that he saw the girl walking along Front street toward the beach at 4:40 a. m. Friday, more than an hour before she was found unconscious on the beach.

Miss Moore was athletically inclined of fine build and it was nothing for her to don her bathing suit of early hour and go out to the beach.

#### WEDNESDAY PROBE POSTPONED

When Wednesday came and the time for resumption of investigation, County Prosecuting Attorney E. J. Gex announced that a postponement was necessary. Miss Moore had left two notes, it was stated, one to her father and the other to her husband. The delay was caused by the fact authorities were awaiting the arrival of letters showing Miss Moore's handwriting and of comparing these with the notes left.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Moore, parents of the girl came to Bay St. Louis about seven years ago. In addition to conducting a first-class soft drink establishment and gasoline filling station, Mr. Moore is the Bay St. Louis manager for the Pan-Am Petroleum Company.

The fact that Miss Moore's ring was found some distance away from her body and lying in the sand adds to the mystery of the case.

#### FAMILY DISCOUNTS FOUL PLAY.

Mrs. Moore, mother of the girl, said to The Echo that the girl was now dead and that nothing was done could do her good. It was better, she said to accept the accident theory for there was little or nothing else to believe.

Joseph Phillips, brother of Mrs. Moore, who resides in New Orleans, said his niece had died as the result of an accidental fall. He also denied, as well as other members of the family, that Miss Moore and her parents had quarreled the night previously.

However, authorities, including Prosecuting Attorney E. J. Gex, Sheriff T. E. Kellar and others are exerting every effort to ferret out the cause of the tragedy, thinking perhaps, there might be an element of crime connected. However, none will commit themselves until such time as damaging and conclusive evidence may be found.

#### CITY STREETS AND PREMISES MODELS OF CLEANLINESS

Visitors to Bay St. Louis—and they are many just now—find the city most presentable from more angles than one, particularly the streets that are frequently broom-swept and not the slightest accumulation of litter permitted. A vigilant and active street force make this possible, under the auspice of Mayor G. Y. Blaize and his associates Commissioners Bourgeois and Perkins.

It is noted keepers of business places and property owners in residential sections are keenly co-operating, apparently with rivalry, but more so in that spirit that means for "the City Beautiful" and for sanitary purposes as well.

Well-kept lawns and attractive gardens in Bay St. Louis are by no means exceptional, but rather the rule. This fine spirit of co-operation and civic pride is exemplary and a marked indication of the kind of people residing here. May their number increase. And neither is the adage value to ready lost sight of.

### LONE OAK FISHING CAMP IS NAME OF NEW PLACE FOR VISITORS

Visiting Fishermen and Others Accommodated With Boats, Baits, Etc.

Affording a place of convenience and where all the necessary paraphernalia may be had at the minimum expense, with fullest service, the Lone Oak Fishing Camp of Bay St. Louis has been established at the mouth of Jordan river and where the waters of that county tributary meets the waters of Bay St. Louis.

The camp headquarters building and landing pier are located directly on the beach boulevard, extending from the hard-surfaced seawall, with day and night attendant. Here one may procure boat or more, live bait and all that is necessary.

Should parties wish a larger boat there is one, power-equipped, capable of taking 20 or 30 persons, and a trip up the river, Rotten Bayou, or other tributary and fishing waters is possible.

Out of town residents may easily get into communication with the camp by phoning either 64 or care of 191.

"We are located at the mouth of Jordan river, on the paved North Beach Boulevard," says proprietor, "our location is also near Wolf river, Bayou Lacroix and Rotten Bayou and other tributaries; with teaming schools of green trout, white and black bass that brings to the sportsman that thrill that makes him forget (for the time being, at least), all things else except his love for his rod and reel."

### MUTCHLER & ASHTON OPEN NEW STORE SATURDAY AT BILOXI

Owners of Bay St. Louis Store Branch Out to East Coast

Encouraged by the success of their Gulfport and Bay St. Louis stores, the firm of Mutchler and Ashton on Saturday of last week opened a new store at Biloxi, the first in that city and a major venture at that.

Their store at Biloxi is the largest. Located in Howard avenue, opposite First National Bank, is well located and its spacious interior carries a large and varied stock of groceries in connection with a meat market. Although a serve-self store, 10 clerks or assistants are necessary to conduct the business.

Carrying congratulations and best wishes, many floral pieces were sent by solicitous friends, decorating the attractive interior.

"We are well satisfied with our first day's business," said Mr. Ashton, senior member, to a representative of the Echo Saturday, "and if this initial day's business is an indication of our future trade then it will be safe to assume our success is already assured."

Incidentally, it may be remarked here all Serve-Self Stores on the Coast will in future be known by the firm name of Mutchler & Ashtons. This will avoid confusion with other invented and phrase-sounding names that carry no individuality but on the contrary, rather tend to confuse the public mind.

M. E. Badon is resident manager for the Bay St. Louis Mutchler and Ashton store and welcomes the change of name. To many it was the Coast Serve-Self to others.

Both brides are well and favorably known in a wide circle of acquaintances and both grooms splendid young men, sons of our esteemed residents whose home at Bayou LaCroix is well known for its hospitality and the kindly considerations of the parents Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Ladnier.

The second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Ladnier was married a while previously to Miss Myrtle Ladnier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ladner, at the Catholic church in Waveland, Rev. Father M. J. Costello, performing the ceremony.

The celebration following the ceremony took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ladner.

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### MUST MEET EXACTING DEMANDS

St. Margaret's Daughters Organization Has Depleted Treasury—Many Demands.

St. Margaret's Daughters held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 5, and after transacting and computing bills were confronted with the problem of "How to carry on?" with a depleted treasury.

The poor and unemployed of every race and creed are still making demands for assistance daily and with little funds at disposal St. Margaret's Daughters must call on the kind-hearted public to help us minister to their wants; therefore it is decided to give a Mammoth Card party on July 20, at 8 P. M., the place to be announced next week.

Contract and Auction Bridge, Encore, "500" and Lotto to be played. Prize for each table. Committees in charge, Mrs. J. A. Green, Mrs. W. Staehle, Mrs. G. Y. Blaize, Mrs. G. A. Benjamin and Mrs. T. Smith.

Splendid charities of St. Margaret's Daughters need of no telling. The work of this local order is practically unlimited, depending on financial ability. People of every race and creed receive aid and no one is turned away as long as food, supplies and money are at hand.

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## THE TURN HAS COME.

**T**HAT conditions in general are better than they have been for some time and are continuing to improve is certainly apparent if one believes the statements one reads in the press of the country.

According to weekly reports furnished by Dun and Bradstreet, Inc., of New York, manufacturing operations are continuing to improve with employment increasing in the following industries: Automobile, paper board, barrel, glass bottles, shoes, cotton goods, woolen yarns, textile machinery, pottery and tin containers.

Even more impressive than increased employment and of particular interest to the average citizen are the announcements of wage increases by manufacturers of heavy electrical equipment, refrigerators, automobile accessories, rubber goods and other industries, as well as by the limestone industry, cotton mills in the South, zinc and lead smelters and brewers.

Larger buying power is a direct result of this improvement, indicated by the constantly widening distributive totals. Each week consumer demands are being extended to additional items and as soon as such urgent requirements as clothes and shoes are filled, it is evident that accumulated bills will be paid and a greater interest displayed in such things as furniture, house-furnishings, radios, musical instruments, and perhaps, even such luxuries as jewelry, etc.

The fact that improvement in general conditions has yet begun to be clearly apparent in Bay St. Louis should not be discouraging to our citizens. It will necessarily take time for the effects of the depression to wear off. However, we feel absolutely confident that the turn has come and that it won't be long before every city, town and village in the country will be reflecting the upward swing to better days.

## LAMENTABLE

**F**INDING of the body of a young woman at the bottom of Bay St. Louis seawall Friday morning followed by death of the victim of either accident, suicide or foul play is indeed lamentable and arouses the sympathy of the community. While the matter is, at this writing, shrouded in mystery, several theories are advanced but even at that none offer a definite solution.

One thing is certain, however, the affair has been given considerable outside publicity and played up in glaring headlines. Several clippings from newspapers away sent The Echo reveals this.

True the finding of the body of this young woman in the bloom of youth and beauty battered and injured to the extent death was inevitable and all details are horrible to contemplate. The authorities are diligent in the premises and it is certain no effort will be neglected in the effort to reveal the secret apparently sealed by death.

## SUMMER ON THE GULF COAST.

**D**AILED press a few days since carried news to the effect snow in Pennsylvania and at the same time in Chicago and more inland places of the middle west the thermometer registered 100 and fraction over. While on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and vicinity it has been delightfully cool and comfortable. Even our Southern cities report moderate readings of the summer register.

There are no heat prostrations South like in the North and Middle West. Compared with the South and this immediate Mississippi Gulf Coast Section it requires no stretch of imagination or strain of thought to realize how fortunate and blessed are we.

Comparisons are always odious, regardless of subject or intention. There is no effort to cast aspersions or reflect on other less fortunate sections, but the fact remains we live in the best part of the country and it is well to realize this now and then. It brings satisfaction and gives less cause for too often chronic complaint.

## MORE COSTLY THAN WAR.

**S**OMETHING like 25,000 Americans will be killed in 1933 by automobile accidents.

Something like 750,000 others will be injured during the present year by automobile accidents. Isn't this a problem that is big enough to interest every American. There is no way to tell who may be the next victim. It may be your child who is sacrificed next to the American demon, speed and careless driving.

Why aren't you concerned? You would be if one of your loved ones suffered next. Why wait to work for the observance of all traffic regulations?

Tomorrow may be too late!

## FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS.

**F**EW were the exceptions where Fourth of July celebrations were not held. Biloxi's Elkpat, an annual institution, went over big and the Firemen at Gulfport staged at the municipal park and pier proved of outstanding success. Aside from the patriotic spirit celebrations of this sort serve to give a form of recreation that is both healthful and beneficial for a better morale. The value of such all-day outings and programs incidental thereto serve manhood purpose.

## PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE OF CITY

**I**T IS well to note the precautionary measure taken by city authorities of Bay St. Louis during the Fourth of July weekend and season just ended to the extent of protecting auto drivers and pedestrians as well thereby possibly saving lives and property.

An extra force of deputized officers were stationed at intersections of streets where congestion was possible and moving traffic thickest. Even though the guard light at the intersection of North Beach Boulevard and bay auto bridge serves its purpose it was a double precaution to place an officer at that point and we hope to see one stationed there more frequently.

Result of these extra precautions by Mayor Blaize and associates, Commissioners Bourgeois and Perkins, show not the slightest untoward incident to have marred the pleasure of our people and visitors on the day of the Fourth when traffic was heaviest.

If though only one life was saved or one person rescued from subsequent pain and illness from accident the precaution is well worth while and money well spent. In addition such consideration for the safety and protection of others displays forethought and wisdom.

Bay St. Louis and this section in general has a clean slate. No Fourth of July casualties either here or along the coastal line. Thanks to the vigilance of authorities.

The "Los Angeles Times" has hit upon the right idea. It suggests that now is the time to "Take your obituary out and put in an 'Ad,' for things are moving."

## HANCOCK COUNTY AGENT.

**C**OUNTY Agent Bryson of Hancock county, whose re-election for term of another year by the Board of Supervisors is noted, conducts from week to week an interesting department through the columns of The Sea Coast Echo, carrying a message of information to farmers of Hancock county and read by others as well, with interest, who are not farmers.

Mr. Bryson has shown his worth to Hancock county. He has served to the maximum of ability and result against greatest odds when the depression is considered. With no market and every condition reported adversely, it has been difficult to rally the doing forces into action.

However, in his contribution this week, Mr. Bryson says although industrial development throughout the country has been noted the past four months is far from normal or restoring labor to a living wage, conditions have proven a big factor toward economic recovery.

He says our soils are naturally poor and the farmer must plan for future prosperity, he says, in order to secure recovery. Regardless of preference, we must give more attention to live stock and growing crops to be plowed under to increase soil fertility. Cooperative marketing of produce along with cooperative purchases of supplies needed by the producers must form the keystone for rendering the best service to the largest number, says Mr. Bryson.

The string of states voting down the Eighteenth Amendment continues to lengthen. Future historians, however, will have the task of deciding whether the wet vote of the present time indicated a wholesale desire to get soured, or simply disgust with the bootlegger.

## STARTING A RACKET.

**T**HE voters of various states will soon determine whether or not the Eighteenth Amendment will be repealed. States which have acted upon the question thus far have favored the rescission of the Prohibition Amendment. Therefore, there are some people in America already looking ahead to the large profits which have usually been made out of the liquor business.

Representative Collier, an anti-prohibition Democrat from New York, says that the supply of whiskey in this country is insufficient if the demand is released and that there will be a world shortage in supplies when the American demand becomes effective. He fears that a monopoly will be accomplished and says that one holding company has already obtained control of more than half of the distillery capacity.

Representative Collier does not like the prospects of a greedy trust raising the prices for its own profits and he says: "I know an effort is being made to create a monopoly in whiskey production, and the wets of Congress will not stand for it. These forces shall go no further. Uncle Sam holds the whip hand, and the whip will be laid across any group that attempts to dominate this industry. I am prepared to go before the Attorney General and demand action for violation of the Sherman anti-trust law the minute it is justified."

## RATHER BOLD TALK.

**T**HE average politician is very careful not to say anything which might offend a large group. Senator Carter Glass, Virginia Democrat, is not an ordinary politician. Recognized as one of the leading minds in framing the Federal Reserve Act during the Wilson Administration, he was one of the few Democrats who voted against one of President Roosevelt's recent fiscal measures. On the matter of pensions this fiery Virginia newspaper man talks out just as plainly. Not long ago he said:

"I voted against the Bonus and I never cast a vote of which I was prouder. I had two boys in the front-line trenches, one of them being nearly killed. I had a nephew there who was gassed so badly that he will never recover. I had a sister in a hospital in France and two daughters in the hospitals here to relieve trained nurses. I would not want even to speak to one of them again if they would join in the raid upon the Federal Treasury made by people who have never suffered any disability and thousands of them who got better treatment, better clothing, better food, better discipline after they went into the service. When he comes out of combat without wounds, without disability, a veteran has no right to raid the Treasury perpetually because he was called into the contest."

Called in under draft, too, when it was a question of being sent to fight or shot at home.

## SAUNTERINGS

From Where the West Begins

By JOHN T. MEYERS  
(For the Sea Coast Echo.)

San Antonio, Texas, July 3—

**A**LL is not quiet on the San Antonio 3.2 beer sale front these days. Prices have taken several drops from the initial price of 35 cents a bottle at the start. Two downtown dealers recently advertised beer at 20 cents in large, bright lettering on show windows of their establish-

This didn't set right with some alleged 'big shot.' Warnings to keep the prices up were ignored by these dealers. An attempt at Chicago style intimidation was made. Gangland's strong arm tactics were brought into play. Racketeers, armed with buckshot loaded shotguns, poured a volley of lead into the price-marked glass windows of both stores. The barrages occurred few minutes apart.

The target practice was enacted under cover of early morning darkness. No one was injured, and the desperadoes escaped capture. Score for the gangsters thus far: 2 hits, 2 errors, and 1 powerfully riled up city officialdom.

Apparently, this attempted intimidation has fallen flat. Both places continue selling 3.2 at 20 cents. The publicity connected with the shoot up has drawn added crowds of thirsty San Antonians to the scene. A sign on the new glass show windows now reads: 3.2 beer STILL 20 cents.

The beer supply pouring into San Antonio is plentiful. New dealers are popping into existence like mushrooms overnight.

Local officials will tolerate no repetition of last week's shooting, the first display of violence associated with the unhindered reign of 3.2 beer sale in San Antonio.

Backed by an ultimatum issued by Mayor Quin, Police Commissioner Phil Wright has given all dealers openly selling 3.2 beer until July 10, to dispose of the supply on hand. After this date, the lid will be figuratively clamped on by the police department.

Bootleggers and speakeasy joints are included in the police taboo on alcoholic beverages, unprecedented in the prohibition law enforcement attitude of San Antonio's police organization.

Many citizens believe some compromise will be reached before the threatened edict goes into effect.

PERSONALLY, we cannot fathom the crude humor attempted by some newspapermen in referring to members of the Civilian Conservation Corp as 'tree nurses', 'wood ticks', 'wood nymphs,' and other uncomplimentary terms.

The morale of these loyal, young Americans is too important a factor in the future welfare of our country to be used as a tool by thoughtless writers straining for wise cracks.

These young men receive small part of the pay allotted for their work. The rest is sent home to parents and dependents. The general health and character building program associated with these government directed camps will have a far reaching influence, certain to make better citizens of our husky, two-fisted youths now employed in useful occupation.

Should Uncle Sam ever be compelled to sound a call to arms, members of Civilian Conservation Corps will shoulder rifles, face the enemy, and meet death with fearless hearts. . . . just as they smilingly face peacetime activities in various camps over the country today. Three rousing cheers for these lads!

HAS anyone noticed the striking likeness between a certain Bay St. Louis newspaperman and Adolph Menjou, the movie actor?

Mexican towns across the Rio Grande along the Texas border—

Many San Antonians celebrated the Fourth of July visiting Mexican towns across the Rio Grande. Bull fights are the attraction of the day. A 14-year-old Mexican boy-matador performed his art in the Villa Acuna, Mexico bullring. Admission to bull fights is advertised at \$1.00 for seats in the shade, and 50 cents for the sunny side of the arena. These prices are listed for American money. In pesos, the price is doubled. Old Mexico is just a few hours drive from San Antonio. Highways are paved, and in excellent condition.

"Don't cry sonny, papa will come back with your little, red express wagon when he finishes his work."

The above conversation is probably truer than it appears on the surface in the home life of a portable speakeasy encountered recently.

3.2 beer invasion from Louisiana is making local home brew business a tough proposition. Aggressive home brew salesmen have hit upon a novel and effective method of dispensing iced cold home brew 'direct from manufacturer to consumer.' A small ice box mounted on a child's express wagon makes an excellent portable speakeasy.

A case of beer can easily be hauled about in this manner. Filling stations, stores, and other types of business places offer potential customers. On the west side, Mexicans peddle the illicit brew in large baskets. The price is 5 cents a bottle. Quality of contents . . . questionable.

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The thrifty home-owner and prospective builder, reading this, will not miss its message. It means just one thing; higher prices for both new construction and alterations and improvements. The first signs of that price rise are appearing, with a gradual and steady strengthening of the commodity price level. Prices are still extremely low—construction and material firms are offering bargains that would have seemed fantastic not so long ago—there is a plentiful supply of skilled and common labor. That condition won't last forever.

If you are one of the five hundred thousand who need a home, build now—if you possibly can. If you are one of the several million who have permitted needed repairs to go undone, have them done now. That leaky roof—that inefficient furnace—those rickety steps—that ancient wiring—that neglected plumbing—now is the time to fix them. You'll be doing more than buying yourself something you need at a low price. You'll be helping provide employment and a market for supplies. You'll be an influence for recovery. Employment and investment are cheaper and better than charity.

## NEEDED: 500,000 HOMES.

ACCORDING to government reports, the nation is short some 500,000 homes. Building operations have practically ceased since 1929. The fact that communities are plastered with "for rent" and "for sale" signs is no indication of an over-supply of dwellings; it simply indicates the extent of the doubling-up process that has taken place during depression—a process that will be reversed as conditions improve.

By the same token, the survey demonstrates that there is an almost incalculable amount of reconditioning and modernizing of existing residences that needs to be done. An interesting phase of the survey is that the small, one-family home costing \$5,000 or less, will be principally

## MERELY THEORETICAL.

A Century of Progress.

By GEORGE E. SCHILLING  
(For the Sea Coast Echo.)

UP in Chicago, a wonderful exposition is being held, for the purpose, evidently, of showing the world what extraordinary machines can be built, and what extraordinary work can be done with them. A century ago Chicago was almost a wilderness. Men, mostly Indians, lived in miserable huts, or in tents made of skins, had insufficient clothes, uncertain supplies of food, and suffered the severest privations.

Now we have wonderful equipments, like the photo-electric cell and its connections which lights the exposition by a system energized from rays that left the star Arcturus forty years ago. We have marvelous automobiles, which are the extreme of efficiency and luxury, if only we could afford to buy them, tens of thousands of miles of railroads, huge skyscraping buildings and magnificent schools, all nearly bankrupt. We have astonishing radios which bring us daily messages from all the world about cigarettes, tooth paste, politics the world economic conferences and other things. We also have people living in Chicago in miserable huts made of old boards, pieces of corrugated iron and what-not, with insufficient clothes, uncertain supplies of food, suffering the severest privations.

The progress in their case is just exactly zero. There is an idea in some heads that the century of progress has been mainly, if not exclusively, mechanical.

A British paper published a cartoon a few months ago showing a robot reporting to a business man: "Master, I can do the work of fifty men." "Yes," was the reply, "but can you support the fifty men?" If you will turn the radio off long enough to think for a few minutes, the question will probably seem reasonable. This new machinery of ours can accomplish very surprising tasks, and, if appearances do not deceive, end by the most surprising achievement of all, that of bankrupting its owners.

The situation is worth some thought. It is pretty well agreed by this time that the reason so many of us are going hungry is that we have so much food; that we are unable to provide ourselves with clothing because there is so much of it, and that our general poverty is caused by the fact that we are too rich. It is even highly probable that if we economize hard enough we shall all go broke. The situation is as much of a paradox as a medical consultation.

The famous Memphis church program was as logical a presentation of conditions as has been made. It commands itself by its simplicity. The announcement was made that the pastor would speak on the topic, "What Have Learned from the Depression." The choir would sing, "Search Me, Oh Lord."

Certain questions may be worth more study than we have been giving them. Has this indeed been "A Century of Progress," or merely a century of mechanical progress? Has our ethical and social development kept pace with our knowledge of chemistry and physics? We are told that each of us has an average of eighty (or is it a hundred) mechanical slaves. Can't we manage these slaves any better than we have been doing? Is our thinking an up-to-date as our electrical industry, or are we trying to fit nineteenth century ideas to twentieth century world? Isn't it worth while to search our own thinking to find out where we got our ideas, and even our ethics; to check up on this boasted progress of ours, which seems to have placed us in such an unpleasant predicament? It may be worth while to wonder a bit where we are going so fast, even if the wondering is merely theoretical.

If such speculations are to appear in print, it should be with a by-line, not for the honor and glory of the writer; but for the protection of the editor and publisher. There is no subject, not even love, about which people get more excited than economics. The most harmless of opinions or the simplest deductions, or the best proved facts, may easily draw far more brick-bats than bouquets. Neither is this intended as an invitation for the brick-bats. We intend, like the scientists, cold light—not more heat, especially during a Gulf Coast summer. There is no apparent advantage in sending anybody to jail. It might, possibly, be a good thing all around, even for the bloated, or busted, plutocrat, if we could devise some scheme for distributing all these good things that we have in such abundance, so that we could all find some advantage from our extraordinary progress.

Members of the Mississippi Coast Press Club are called in special meeting Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, at Markham Hotel, Gulfport, to discuss provisions of the general recovery bill recently passed by Congress and which will drastically affect every printing plant and newspaper to the extent there will be no more fun (?) running the business. And what a maze of red tape!

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ROASTING CHICKENS, 3 to 5 lbs. per lb. .... 15c  
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LEG OF LAMB, Choice, lb. .... 19c  
LEG OF MUTTON lb. .... 10c  
MUTTON SHOULDER, lb. .... 7c

BEEF BRISKET, lb. .... 10c  
MUTTON CHOPS lb. .... 12½c  
BEEF POT ROAST, lb. .... 12½c

PICNIC HAMS, Shankless, lb. .... 12c  
HAM Armour's Star, 8 to 10 lbs.—lb. .... 19c  
BACON Armour's Star ½ lb. .... 12½c

TOMATOES No. 2 can 2 for ..... 15c  
OLD DUTCH CLEANSER, ..... 7c

Small Octagon SOAP 5 for ..... 10c  
Small Octagon POWDER 5 for ..... 10c

MILK Armour's Tall can ..... 5c  
BUTTER Cloverbloom, 2 lbs. .... 51c

Armour's CORN BEEF 2 cans ..... 25c  
ALLIGATOR PEARS, large, each ..... 5c

LEMONS each ..... 1c  
ORANGES each ..... 1c

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TOMATOES 2 lbs. .... 5c

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## GEORGE ARLISS IN ROLE BEST FITTED TO HIS UNUSUAL TALENTS

Famous Star Supported by  
Brilliant Cast in Specially  
Written Story, "The  
King's Vacation."

George Arliss on the screen at the A. & G. Theater, Sunday and Monday, in his latest picture for Warner Bros., "The King's Vacation," appears in a role said to be perfectly fitted to his unusual talents, and a story believed to be the finest of all his screen productions.

The screen play is a rare combination of humor, dramatic sequences and spectacular scenes, tinged with a delightful romance. It was written especially for Arliss by Ernest Pascal, author of "The Marriage Bed," who also adapted it to the screen in collaboration with Maude T. Howell.

It has always been a hard task to find stories for Mr. Arliss, as the great star in his later years preferring something with a touch of light comedy to offset the dramatic situations. He insists on highly intelligent pictures, and yet pictures that bring a glow of happiness to the spectator. The present story is quite modern and similar in type to "The Millionaire."

Mr. Pascal first submitted his story to Mr. Arliss last Spring, but he was busy with picture work and did not have time to peruse it carefully. Then Mr. Arliss returned to England as he does each Spring. Pascal, having business in London, took to Mr. Arliss again. This time he read it carefully and wired to Warner Bros. that he considered it an ideal vehicle, whereupon the story was purchased.

One of the finest casts ever appearing in an Arliss picture, and they are always players of renown on both stage and screen, was assembled for the picture. They include Dick Powell and Patricia Ellis in the juvenile and ingenue roles, two players who have shown marked promise, Powell having made a tremendous hit as the crooner in "Blessed Event," in "42nd Street," and in the Will Rogers' picture, "Too Busy to Work."

The Rev. Nelius Downing was the guest of the Jesuit Fathers in the city on the fourth.

—Mrs. C. M. Shipp has as her house guest during part of the summer, her sister, Mrs. Bell, wife of Prof. Bell, of the faculty of the University of Mississippi.

The Rev. Francis Baechle, of St. Francis Church New Orleans is vacationing here with friends.

—Mrs. M. Gueyser with daughter and neice from New Orleans will be the guests of her sister Mrs. W. E. Arms on Hancock street.

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## ENJOYABLE "SCAVENGER HUNT" BY YOUNG PEOPLE

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Guests attending were: Alice Camors, Betty Fourton, Charlotte Hardy, Phil Offeo, Eran LeBlanc, Gertrude Partridge, Minette and Marguerite Lanou, Frances Scafide, Elaine and Lois Wolf, Rita and Elizabeth Dassel, Leo and John Blaize, Maurice Argues, Edward and John Heath, Anthony Glover, Leslie and Frank Fourton, Robert Camors, John Bruce, John Dassel, William Dobbs, Almon Waddell, Kidd, Hugh Ryland and Richard Roth.

## BENEFIT BRIDGE PARTY FOR KING'S DAUGHTERS HOSPITAL SUCCESSFUL

Every anticipation realized success, both social and financially, marked the benefit bridge party given Monday afternoon for King's Daughters Hospital, Bay St. Louis, at the residence of Mrs. Fred Wright, Ulman avenue.

Mrs. Wright was an ideal hostess, actively assisted by Mrs. Joseph R. Schaff and Mrs. C. E. Craft.

Mrs. A. F. Fournier captured the "entrance prize," a cake, and a prize was awarded to the high scorer at every table. Mrs. A. S. McQueen held the lucky number for the prize cake.

After deducting expenses the net sum of \$25.00 was realized, truly an afternoon of much pleasure to the participants and of benefit to a worthy cause.

—Mr. and Mrs. John W. Bryan and sons, James and John, who left by way of New Orleans over the I. C. R. for Chicago last Saturday morning, report a most delightful trip and are enjoying the exposition sights as well as the city of Chicago. They are on a ten-day trip.

## Regular Monthly Meeting Co. Board of Supervisors

(Continued from page 3)

pursuant to adjournment. There were present as follows: Chas. B. Murphy, John B. Wheat, Calvin Shaw and Landre Necease, T. E. Keller, Sheriff and A. G. Favre, Clerk of said Board. Emilio Cue, President of said Board was absent.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Calvin Shaw was elected President pro-tem of the Board.

It is ordered by the Board that the application of Mrs. L. V. Harrel and J. R. Harrel for a loan of \$100.00 on the following described property, the NW ¼ of SW ¼, Section 4, T. 5, S. R. 14 W., and SW ¼ of NW ¼, Section 15, T. 5, S. R. 14 W., in Hancock County, Mississippi, except a certain six acre tract conveyed to Walter P. Harrel by deed dated October 26th, 1912, and recorded in Book C-5, pg. 62, Hancock County deed records, and to appraise the said land, we have instructed our surveyors to make a careful and accurate survey and appraisal of the same in our opinion we believe said land is worth \$2,000.00.

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Respectfully submitted,

LANDRE NECEASE,  
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Wednesday morning, June 5th, A. D. 1933 at 9 o'clock A. M. Board met pursuant to adjournment, present as follows:

Whereas the Board has considered petition and being of the opinion that the same should be granted it is therefore ordered that one-fourth of the time of said Claude Peterson, be and the same is hereby remitted.

Whereas Frank Hamilton has petitioned this Board to remit one-fourth of the time of said Claude Peterson, be and the same is hereby remitted.

Whereas the Board has considered petition and being of the opinion that the same should be granted.

It is therefore ordered that one-fourth of the time of said Frank Hamilton be and the same is hereby remitted.

Be it ordered by the Board that the Board adjourn until Thursday morning, June 6th, A. D. 1933 at 9 o'clock A. M.

CALVIN SHAW,  
President Pro-Tem.

Friday morning, June 9th, A. D. 1933 at 9 o'clock A. M. Board met pursuant to adjournment, present as follows:

Whereas the Board understood that the circumstances alleged in said petition, as ground for relief are true and that said assessment is an over valuation.

And the Board being fully satisfied that petitioner is entitled to have said assessment reduced as herein provided, and that the Board should so order.

It is therefore ordered by the Board that the assessment be reduced to \$1500.00.

It is further ordered that the Clerk of this Board certify two copies of this order to the State Tax Commission for its approval or disapproval; and, if the foregoing order be approved by the State Tax Commission, the Clerk of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to have recorded the original assessment roll in his office, and the Sheriff and Tax Collector of this County is hereby authorized and directed to change the copy in his possession to conform with the provisions of this order. And the Sheriff and Tax Collector shall be properly credited with the reduction herein made.

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Saturday, July 8.

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NORMAN FOSTER in  
"PROFESSIONAL SWEETHEARTS"

And comedy.

Sunday and Monday, July 9-10.

GEORGE ARLIS, DICK POWELL  
AND PATRICIA ELLIS in  
"THE KING'S VACATION."

Tuesday & Wednesday, July 11-12.

JOHN GILBERT, MAE CLARK, &

ROBERT ARMSTRONG in  
"FAST WORKERS"

And comedy.

Thursday, July 13.